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SECURITY MEASURES FOR COMMUNIST LEADERS IN HUNGARY

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During recent weeks, interesting information has leaked out of Hungary concerning the way of life of Communist leaders. Various sources concur in the view that since the withdrawal of Matyas Rakosi from the government, the political leaders have endeavored to conceal their luxurious way of life from the disgruntled workers.

Before the change in government, when a Communist dignitary went on an official trip his car was preceded and followed by cars of the party guard section of the AVH (Allamvedelmi Hatosag, State Security Authority). AVH road security detachments were stationed along the route, and were notified of the exact time when the convoy was to pass them. Last summer, Minister of Culture Tibor Erdei Gruz' car met with an accident. The minister broke his leg and was transferred from his car to a party guard car. The delay was promptly noted by the security detachment and it hurried to the place of the accident.

Since the appointment of Imre Nagy as minister president, this system has been changed. A high-ranking party or government official now is entitled to only one car, and a party guard is seated next to the chauffeur. To forestall attempts on the lives of these functionaries, the models of cars and the license numbers are frequently changed. However, the road security system continues. Bakosi and a few other top-ranking Communists are still entitled to two escorting cars and a special party guard.

At Balatonoszod, a luxurious recreation establishment, guarded by the AVH, has been set aside exclusively for high-ranking Communists. The establishment is closely guarded, unauthorized persons are not permitted to enter the premises, and the surrounding villas have been requisitioned for the use of the AVH.

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